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TOPIC Military Information from Zeithain Troop Training Grounds

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

1. The following columns were seen leaving Zeithain troop training grounds toward Grossenhain:

At 5 a.m. on 3 April: 13 trucks with 8 x 37-mm AA guns.

After 8 a.m. on 3 April: 8 rocket launchers

and 6 trucks with ammunition;

12 trucks with 122-mm field howitzers

ambulance

about 9 trucks with ammunition and equipment

15 armored personnel carriers

personnel carriers

4 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns

2 trucks with AAA machine guns

15 to 20 trucks with troops, ammunition and equipment including

2. On 6 April, units from Riesa, Oschatz and the Zeithain training grounds engaged in exercises. Troops and vehicles observed at 5 p.m. included 4 x 122-mm howitzers emplaced east of Camp Zeithain; 4 x 37-mm AA guns; 16 rocket launchers, about 55 radio trucks, workshop trucks and trucks with troops and equipment en route toward Wulkwitz;

tanks

near Nieska;

T-34/85 tanks

and 85-mm AT guns in field

positions in Lichtensee. Vehicles en route from the Zeithain troop training grounds

toward Oschatz at 8 p.m. on 6 April included 12 trucks with 82-mm mortars, 4 trucks

with 4 x 50-mm mortars each, 12 trucks towing 85-mm AT guns, 12 trucks towing 57-mm

AT guns, armored personnel carriers

armored scout cars

half-track armored personnel carriers

24 sidecar motorcycles and about 90 trucks. Vehicles en route toward

Riesa from the Zeithain troop training grounds at 9 p.m. on 6 April included

Field Comment. Almost all motor vehicle and tank [REDACTED] belong to the 9th Tank Division. It is believed that the division conducted a large-scale exercise in the Zeithain-Grossenhain area from 3 to 6 April, which also involved the 8th Mtz Rifle Regt from Oschatz and the unidentified rocket launcher battalion from Riesa. The tanks en route back to Riesa on 6 April [REDACTED] have been loaded in Riesa on 2 April.

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